

16. (new) A steering column module for vehicles having a steering wheel cooperating with a steering column, the steering column borne for rotation within a stationary tubular jacket, the steering column module comprising:

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a first switch member mounted to the tubular jacket;
a rotatable signal case component cooperating with the steering column for secure mutual rotation therewith;
a code disc cooperating with said rotatable signal case component for secure mutual rotation therewith;
a stationary steering angle module mounted to said first switch member; and
a steering angle sensor cooperating with said steering angle module and communicating with said code disc to measure a steering angle of the steering column.

17. (new) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said code disc comprises a projection, extending in a first direction substantially parallel to a longitudinal extension of the steering column, which engages an associated recess, extending in a second direction substantially transverse to said extension of said steering column, in said rotatable case component.

18. (new) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said rotatable case component comprises a projection, extending in a first direction substantially parallel to a longitudinal extension of the steering column, which engages an associated recess, extending in

a second direction substantially transverse to said extension of said steering column, in said code disc.

19. (new) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said steering angle module comprises a carrier within which said code disc is radially secured and rotatably disposed.

20. (new) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said steering angle module comprises a casing within which said code disc is radially secured and rotatably disposed.

21. (new) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said steering angle module comprises a bearing piece having a bearing ring in which said code disc is disposed.

22. (new) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said steering angle module comprises a carrier bearing a scanning device for scanning said code disc.

23. (new) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said code disc has rotary angle encoding disposed on an end face thereof.

24. (new) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said code disc has holes constituting rotary angle encoding.

25. (new) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said code disc has a rotary angle encoding disposed on an outer surface thereof.

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26. (new) The steering column module of claim 16, further comprising at least one additional switch member mounted to said first switch member in a modular manner.
27. (new) The steering column module of claim 16, further comprising an evaluation electronics mounted in said steering angle module to communicate with said steering angle sensor.

Remarks

The Examiner has objected to the title as not being descriptive and has suggested a new title. This suggestion of the Examiner has been adopted in this amendment.

The drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84 (p)(5) for not including reference signs 51 and 77 mentioned in the description. In addressing this objection, the Applicant has amended figure 3 to include reference symbol 51 and has cancelled the paragraph on page 14 containing reference symbol 77.

The drawings have also been objected to for lack of clarity with respect to reference number 34 as well as with regard to reference symbol 43 not being directed to the six Hall elements. In responding to this objection, reference symbol 34 has been cancelled from figure 2 as well as the last paragraph of page 11 (extending to page 12) and reference symbol 43 in figure 2 has been corrected to point to the Hall elements.